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For:

A SELF-BORING AND SELF-TAPPING SCREW FOR OSTEOSYNTHESIS AND

COMPRESSION

## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2009 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.